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EXTENSIVE AMERICAN PRESS COMMENTARY SURROUNDING HIS DEATH.
IT WAS REPORTED THAT HUNGARIAN VICE PRESIDENT TRAUTMAN AND
POLISH VICE PRESIDENT TOMAL WERE PART OF THE "SIGNIFICANT
COMMUNIST REPRESENTATION" AT THE FUNERAL RITES.

THE DEPARTMENT IS INTERESTED IN WHO ELSE FROM EASTERN
EUROPE'S OFFICIALDOM ATTENDED POPE PAUL'S FUNERAL, AND HOW

THE EASTERN EUROPEAN PRESS IS PLAYING THE STORY OF THE
POPE'S DEATH AND UPCOMING SELECTION OF A NEW POPE. WE
WOULD APPRECIATE REPORTING OF THIS AND ANY RELATED INFORMA-
TION THAT MAY BE SIGNIFICANT. CHRISTOPHER

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